



HHSS Pandemic Flu Preparedness Timeline

- 1976** — The Nebraska Health and Human Services System (HHSS) creates the State Pandemic Flu Plan in response to the swine flu outbreak.
- 2000** — HHSS constructs the current version of State Pandemic Flu Plan. The plan is updated regularly.
- Sept. 2004** — HHSS along with public health, public safety and healthcare partners initiate new phase of pandemic flu planning.
- Jan. 2005** — HHSS creates internal pandemic flu group.
- March 2005** — Biocontainment Unit opens at the Nebraska Medical Center.
- April 2005** —
- Governor's Pandemic Flu Committee meets for the first time.
 - U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recognizes Nebraska as a leader in pandemic flu planning.
- Sept. 2005** — Nebraskans participate in CDC focus group and provide input on national and state plans.
- Oct. 2005** — Nebraska Homeland Security Senior Policy Group meets on pandemic flu preparedness.
- Nov. 2005** — Governor's Pandemic Flu Committee meets for a second time.
- Dec. 2005** —
- HHSS partners with the Center for Biopreparedness Education to create the Pandemic Flu Speakers Bureau.
 - Nebraska state officials attend National Pandemic Flu Summit in Washington, D.C.
- Feb. 2006** — U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary visits Nebraska for Pandemic Flu Response Summit.